## In the Senate of the United States,

September 20, 2006.

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 3525) entitled "An Act to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve outcomes for children in families affected by methamphetamine abuse and addiction, to reauthorize the promoting safe and stable families program, and for other purposes." with the following

### SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment to the text of the bill, insert:

#### 1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 2 This Act may be cited as the "Child and Family Serv-
- 3 ices Improvement Act of 2006".
- 4 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 5 The Congress finds as follows:
- 6 (1) For Federal fiscal year 2004, child protective
- 7 services (CPS) staff nationwide reported investigating
- 8 or assessing an estimated 3,000,000 allegations of

- child maltreatment, and determined that 872,000 children had been abused or neglected by their parents or other caregivers.
  - (2) Combined, the Child Welfare Services (CWS) and Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) programs provide States about \$700,000,000 per year, the largest source of targeted Federal funding in the child protection system for services to ensure that children are not abused or neglected and, whenever possible, help children remain safely with their families.
  - (3) A 2003 report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) reported that little research is available on the effectiveness of activities supported by CWS funds—evaluations of services supported by PSSF funds have generally shown little or no effect.
  - (4) Further, the Department of Health and Human Services recently completed initial Child and Family Service Reviews (CFSRs) in each State. No State was in full compliance with all measures of the CFSRs. The CFSRs also revealed that States need to work to prevent repeat abuse and neglect of children, improve services provided to families to reduce the risk of future harm (including by better monitoring the participation of families in services), and

- strengthen upfront services provided to families to prevent unnecessary family break-up and protect children who remain at home.
  - (5) Federal policy should encourage States to invest their CWS and PSSF funds in services that promote and protect the welfare of children, support strong, healthy families, and reduce the reliance on out-of-home care, which will help ensure all children are raised in safe, loving families.
  - (6) CFSRs also found a strong correlation between frequent caseworker visits with children and positive outcomes for these children, such as timely achievement of permanency and other indicators of child well-being.
  - (7) However, a December 2005 report by the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General found that only 20 States were able to produce reports to show whether caseworkers actually visited children in foster care on at least a monthly basis, despite the fact that nearly all States had written standards suggesting monthly visits were State policy.
  - (8) A 2003 GAO report found that the average tenure for a child welfare caseworker is less than 2

- years and this level of turnover negatively affects safe ty and permanency for children.
  - (9) Targeting CWS and PSSF funds to ensure children in foster care are visited on at least a monthly basis will promote better outcomes for vulnerable children, including by preventing further abuse and neglect.
    - (10) According to the Office of Applied Studies of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the annual number of new uses of Methamphetamine, also known as "meth," has increased 72 percent over the past decade. According to a study conducted by the National Association of Counties which surveyed 500 county law enforcement agencies in 45 states, 88 percent of the agencies surveyed reported increases in meth related arrests starting 5 years ago.
    - (11) According to the 2004 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, nearly 12,000,000 Americans have tried methamphetamine. Meth making operations have been uncovered in all 50 states, but the most wide-spread abuse has been concentrated in the western, southwestern, and Midwestern United States.
    - (12) Methamphetamine abuse is on the increase, particularly among women of child-bearing age. This

- 1 is having an impact on child welfare systems in 2 many States. According to a survey administered by 3 the National Association of Counties ("The Impact of 4 Meth on Children"), conducted in 300 counties in 13 5 states, meth is a major cause of child abuse and ne-6 glect. Forty percent of all the child welfare officials in 7 the survey reported an increase in out-of-home place-8 ments because of meth in 2005.
- 9 (13) It is appropriate also to target PSSF funds 10 to address this issue because of the unique strain the 11 meth epidemic puts on child welfare agencies. Out-12 comes for children affected by meth are enhanced 13 when services provided by law enforcement, child wel-14 fare and substance abuse agencies are integrated.

# 15 SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE PROMOTING SAFE AND

### 16 STABLE FAMILIES PROGRAM.

- 17 (a) Funding of Mandatory Grants at \$345 Mil-
- 18 LION PER FISCAL YEAR.—Effective October 1, 2006, section
- 19 436(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629f(a)) is
- 20 amended by striking "fiscal year 2006." and all that follows
- 21 and inserting "each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011".
- 22 (b) Funding of Discretionary Grants.—Section
- 23 437(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(a)) is amended by strik-
- 24 ing "2002 through 2006" and inserting "2007 through
- 25 2011".

1	(c) Availability of Promoting Safe and Stable
2	Families Resources for Fiscal Year 2006.—
3	(1) Appropriation.—Out of any money in the
4	Treasury of the United States not otherwise appro-
5	priated, there are appropriated to the Secretary of
6	Health and Human Services \$40,000,000 for fiscal
7	year 2006 to carry out section 436 of the Social Secu-
8	rity Act, in addition to any amount otherwise made
9	available for fiscal year 2006 to carry out such sec-
10	tion.
11	(2) Availability of funds.—Notwithstanding
12	sections $434(b)(2)$ and $436(b)(3)$ of such Act, the
13	amount appropriated under paragraph (1) of this
14	subsection—
15	(A) shall remain available for expenditure
16	through fiscal year 2009 solely for the purpose
17	$described in section \ 436(b)(4)(B)(i) \ of \ such \ Act;$
18	(B) shall not be used to supplant any Fed-
19	eral funds paid under part E of title IV of such
20	Act that could be used for that purpose; and
21	(C) shall not be made available to any In-
22	dian tribe or tribal consortium.
23	(d) Elimination of Findings.—Section 430 of such
24	Act (42 U.S.C. 629) is amended by striking all through "(b)
25	Purpose.—The purpose" and inserting the following:

1	"SEC. 430. PURPOSE.
2	"The purpose".
3	(e) Annual Budget Requests, Summaries, and
4	Expenditure Reports.—
5	(1) In general.—Section 432(a)(8) of such Act
6	(42 U.S.C. 629b(a)(8)) is amended—
7	(A) by inserting "(A)" after "(8)"; and
8	(B) by adding at the end the following:
9	"(B) provides that, not later than June 30 of
10	each year, the State will submit to the Secretary—
11	"(i) copies of forms CFS 101-Part I and
12	CFS 101-Part II (or any successor forms) that
13	report on planned child and family services ex-
14	penditures by the agency for the immediately
15	succeeding fiscal year; and
16	"(ii) copies of forms CFS 101-Part I and
17	CFS 101-Part II (or any successor forms) that
18	provide, with respect to the programs authorized
19	under this subpart and subpart 1 and, at State
20	option, other programs included on such forms,
21	for the most recent preceding fiscal year for
22	which reporting of actual expenditures is
23	complete—
24	"(I) the numbers of families and of
25	children served by the State agency;

1	"(II) the population served by the
2	State agency;
3	"(III) the geographic areas served by
4	the State agency; and
5	"(IV) the actual expenditures of funds
6	provided to the State agency; and".
7	(2) Annual submission of state reports to
8	congress.—Section 432 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
9	629b) is amended by adding at the end the following:
10	"(c) Annual Submission of State Reports to
11	Congress.—The Secretary shall compile the reports re-
12	quired under subsection (a)(8)(B) and, not later than Sep-
13	tember 30 of each year, submit such compilation to the
14	Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representa-
15	tives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate.".
16	(3) Effective date; initial deadlines for
17	SUBMISSIONS.—The amendments made by this sub-
18	section take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.
19	Each State with an approved plan under subpart 1
20	or 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act
21	shall make its initial submission of the forms required
22	under section 432(a)(8)(B) of the Social Security Act
23	to the Secretary of Health and Human Services by
24	June 30, 2007, and the Secretary of Health and
25	Human Services shall submit the first compilation re-

1	quired under section 432(c) of the Social Security Act
2	by September 30, 2007.
3	(f) Limitation on Administrative Cost Reim-
4	BURSEMENT.—
5	(1) In General.—Section 434 of such Act (42
6	U.S.C. 629d) is amended—
7	(A) in subsection (a), by inserting ", subject
8	to subsection (d)," after "shall"; and
9	(B) by adding at the end the following:
10	"(d) Limitation on Reimbursement for Adminis-
11	TRATIVE COSTS.—The Secretary shall not make a payment
12	to a State under this section with respect to expenditures
13	for administrative costs during a fiscal year, to the extent
14	that the total amount of the expenditures exceeds 10 percent
15	of the total expenditures of the State during the fiscal year
16	under the State plan approved under section 432.".
17	(2) Effective date.—The amendments made
18	by paragraph (1) shall apply to expenditures made
19	on or after October 1, 2007.
20	SEC. 4. TARGETING OF PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAM-
21	ILIES PROGRAM RESOURCES.
22	(a) Support for Monthly Caseworker Visits.—
23	(1) Reservation and use of funds.—Section
24	436(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629f(b))
25	is amended by adding at the end the following:

1	"(4) Support for monthly caseworker vis-
2	ITS.—
3	"(A) Reservation.—The Secretary shall
4	reserve for allotment in accordance with section
5	433(e)—
6	"(i) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;
7	"(ii) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;
8	and
9	"(iii) \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal
10	years 2010 and 2011.
11	"(B) Use of funds.—
12	"(i) In general.—A State to which
13	an amount is paid from amounts reserved
14	under subparagraph (A) shall use the
15	amount to support monthly caseworker vis-
16	its with children who are in foster care
17	under the responsibility of the State, with a
18	primary emphasis on activities designed to
19	improve caseworker retention, recruitment,
20	training, and ability to access the benefits
21	$of\ technology.$
22	"(ii) Nonsupplantation.—A State to
23	which an amount is paid from amounts re-
24	served pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall
25	not use the amount to supplant any Federal

1	funds paid to the State under part E that
2	could be used as described in clause (i).".
3	(2) Allotment of funds.—Section 433 of such
4	Act (42 U.S.C. 629c) is amended—
5	(A) in subsection (d), by inserting "sub-
6	section (a), (b), or (c) of' before "this section"
7	the 1st and 2nd places it appears; and
8	(B) by adding at the end the following:
9	"(e) Allotment of Funds Reserved To Support
10	Monthly Caseworker Visits.—
11	"(1) Territories.—From the amount reserved
12	pursuant to section 436(b)(4)(A) for any fiscal year,
13	the Secretary shall allot to each jurisdiction specified
14	in subsection (b) of this section, that has provided to
15	the Secretary such documentation as may be nec-
16	essary to verify that the jurisdiction has complied
17	with section $436(b)(4)(B)(ii)$ during the fiscal year,
18	an amount determined in the same manner as the al-
19	lotment to each of such jurisdictions is determined
20	under section 423 (without regard to the initial allot-
21	ment of \$70,000 to each State).
22	"(2) Other states.—From the amount re-
23	served pursuant to section 436(b)(4)(A) for any fiscal
24	year that remains after applying paragraph (1) of
25	this subsection for the fiscal year, the Secretary shall

allot to each State (other than an Indian tribe) not specified in subsection (b) of this section, that has provided to the Secretary such documentation as may be necessary to verify that the State has complied with section 436(b)(4)(B)(ii) during the fiscal year, an amount equal to such remaining amount multiplied by the food stamp percentage of the State (as defined in subsection (c)(2) of this section) for the fiscal year, except that in applying subsection (c)(2)(A) of this section, 'subsection (e)(2)' shall be substituted for 'such paragraph (1)'."

(3) Payments to states.—Section 434(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629d(a)), as amended by section 3(f)(1) of this Act, is amended by striking "the lesser of—" and all that follows and inserting the following: "the sum of—

### "(1) the lesser of—

"(A) 75 percent of the total expenditures by the State for activities under the plan during the fiscal year or the immediately succeeding fiscal year; or

"(B) the allotment of the State under subsection (a), (b), or (c) of section 433, whichever is applicable, for the fiscal year; and

"(2) the lesser of—

1	"(A) 75 percent of the total expenditures by
2	the State in accordance with section
3	436(b)(4)(B) during the fiscal year or the imme-
4	diately succeeding fiscal year; or
5	"(B) the allotment of the State under sec-
6	tion 433(e) for the fiscal year.".
7	(b) Support for Targeted Grants To Increase
8	THE WELL BEING OF, AND TO IMPROVE THE PERMANENCY
9	Outcomes For, Children Affected by Methamphet-
10	Amine or Other Substance Abuse.—
11	(1) Reservation of funds.—Section 436(b) of
12	such Act (42 U.S.C. 629f(b)), as amended by sub-
13	section (a)(1) of this section, is amended by adding
14	at the end the following:
15	"(5) REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP GRANTS.—The
16	Secretary shall reserve for awarding grants under sec-
17	tion 437(f)—
18	"(A) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;
19	"(B) \$35,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;
20	"(C) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2009; and
21	"(D) $$20,000,000$ for each of fiscal years
22	2010 and 2011.".
23	(2) Targeted grants.—

1	(A) In General.—Section 437 of such Act
2	(42 U.S.C. 629g) is amended by adding at the
3	end the following:
4	"(f) Targeted Grants To Increase the Well
5	Being Of, and To Improve the Permanency Outcomes
6	For, Children Affected by Methamphetamine or
7	Other Substance Abuse.—
8	"(1) Purpose.—The purpose of this subsection
9	is to authorize the Secretary to make competitive
10	grants to regional partnerships to provide, through
11	interagency collaboration and integration of pro-
12	grams and services, services and activities that are
13	designed to increase the well-being of, improve perma-
14	nency outcomes for, and enhance the safety of children
15	who are in an out-of-home placement or are at risk
16	of being placed in an out-of-home placement as a re-
17	sult of a parent's or caretaker's methamphetamine or
18	other substance abuse.
19	"(2) Regional partnership defined.—
20	"(A) In General.—In this subsection, the
21	term 'regional partnership' means a collabo-
22	rative agreement (which may be established on
23	an interstate or intrastate basis) entered into by
24	at least 2 of the followina:

1	"(i) The State child welfare agency
2	that is responsible for the administration of
3	the State plan under this part and part E.
4	"(ii) The State agency responsible for
5	administering the substance abuse preven-
6	tion and treatment block grant provided
7	under subpart II of part B of title XIX of
8	the Public Health Service Act.
9	"(iii) An Indian tribe or tribal consor-
10	tium.
11	"(iv) Nonprofit child welfare service
12	providers.
13	"(v) For-profit child welfare service
14	providers.
15	"(vi) Community health service pro-
16	viders.
17	"(vii) Community mental health pro-
18	viders.
19	"(viii) Local law enforcement agencies.
20	"(ix) Judges and court personnel.
21	" $(x)$ Juvenile justice officials.
22	"(xi) School personnel.
23	"(xii) Tribal child welfare agencies (or
24	a consortia of such agencies).

1	"(xiii) Any other providers, agencies,
2	personnel, officials, or entities that are re-
3	lated to the provision of child and family
4	services under this subpart.
5	"(B) Requirements.—
6	"(i) State child welfare agency
7	Partner.—Subject to clause (ii)(I), a re-
8	gional partnership entered into for purposes
9	of this subsection shall include the State
10	child welfare agency that is responsible for
11	the administration of the State plan under
12	this part and part E as 1 of the partners.
13	"(ii) Regional partnerships en-
14	TERED INTO BY INDIAN TRIBES OR TRIBAL
15	consortia.—If an Indian tribe or tribal
16	consortium enters into a regional partner-
17	ship for purposes of this subsection, the In-
18	dian tribe or tribal consortium—
19	"(I) may (but is not required to)
20	include such State child welfare agency
21	as a partner in the collaborative agree-
22	ment; and
23	"(II) may not enter into a col-
24	laborative agreement only with tribal

1	child welfare agencies (or a consortium
2	of such agencies).
3	"(iii) No state agency only part-
4	NERSHIPS.—If a State agency described in
5	clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A) enters
6	into a regional partnership for purposes of
7	this subsection, the State agency may not
8	enter into a collaborative agreement only
9	with the other State agency described in
10	such clause (i) or (ii).
11	"(3) Authority to award grants.—
12	"(A) In general.—In addition to amounts
13	authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
14	section, the Secretary shall award grants under
15	this subsection, from the amounts reserved for
16	each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 under sec-
17	tion 436(b)(5), to regional partnerships that sat-
18	isfy the requirements of this subsection, in
19	amounts that are not less than \$500,000 and not
20	more than \$1,000,000 per grant per fiscal year.
21	"(B) REQUIRED MINIMUM PERIOD OF AP-
22	PROVAL.—A grant shall be awarded under this
23	subsection for a period of not less than 2, and

not more than 5, fiscal years.

1	"(4) Application requirements.—To be eligi-
2	ble for a grant under this subsection, a regional part-
3	nership shall submit to the Secretary a written appli-
4	cation containing the following:
5	"(A) Recent evidence demonstrating that
6	methamphetamine or other substance abuse has
7	had a substantial impact on the number of out-
8	of-home placements for children, or the number
9	of children who are at risk of being placed in an
10	out-of-home placement, in the partnership re-
11	gion.
12	"(B) A description of the goals and out-
13	comes to be achieved during the funding period
14	for the grant that will—
15	"(i) enhance the well-being of children
16	receiving services or taking part in activi-
17	ties conducted with funds provided under
18	$the\ grant;$
19	"(ii) lead to safety and permanence for
20	such children; and
21	"(iii) decrease the number of out-of-
22	home placements for children, or the num-
23	ber of children who are at risk of being
24	placed in an out-of-home placement, in the
25	partnership region.

1	"(C) A description of the joint activities to
2	be funded in whole or in part with the funds
3	provided under the grant, including the sequenc-
4	ing of the activities proposed to be conducted
5	under the funding period for the grant.
6	"(D) A description of the strategies for inte-
7	grating programs and services determined to be
8	appropriate for the child and where appropriate,
9	the child's family.
10	"(E) A description of the strategies for—
11	"(i) collaborating with the State child
12	welfare agency described in paragraph
13	(2)(A)(i) (unless that agency is the lead ap-
14	plicant for the regional partnership); and
15	"(ii) consulting, as appropriate,
16	with—
17	"(I) the State agency described in
18	$paragraph \ (2)(A)(ii); \ and$
19	"(II) the State law enforcement
20	and judicial agencies.
21	To the extent the Secretary determines that the
22	requirement of this subparagraph would be inap-
23	propriate to apply to a regional partnership that
24	includes an Indian tribe, tribal consortium, or a
25	tribal child welfare agency or a consortium of

1	such agencies, the Secretary may exempt the re-
2	gional partnership from the requirement.
3	"(F) Such other information as the Sec-
4	retary may require.
5	"(5) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds made available
6	under a grant made under this subsection shall only
7	be used for services or activities that are consistent
8	with the purpose of this subsection and may include
9	$the\ following:$
10	"(A) Family-based comprehensive long-term
11	substance abuse treatment services.
12	"(B) Early intervention and preventative
13	services.
14	"(C) Children and family counseling.
15	"(D) Mental health services.
16	"(E) Parenting skills training.
17	"(F) Replication of successful models for
18	providing family-based comprehensive long-term
19	substance abuse treatment services.
20	"(6) Matching requirement.—
21	"(A) Federal share.—A grant awarded
22	under this subsection shall be available to pay a
23	percentage share of the costs of services provided
24	or activities conducted under such grant, not to
25	exceed—

1	"(i) 85 percent for the first and second
2	fiscal years for which the grant is awarded
3	to a recipient;
4	"(ii) 80 percent for the third and
5	fourth such fiscal years; and
6	"(iii) 75 percent for the fifth such fis-
7	cal year.
8	"(B) Non-federal share.—The non-fed-
9	eral share of the cost of services provided or ac-
10	tivities conducted under a grant awarded under
11	this subsection may be in cash or in kind. In de-
12	termining the amount of the non-Federal share,
13	the Secretary may attribute fair market value to
14	goods, services, and facilities contributed from
15	non-Federal sources.
16	"(7) Considerations in Awarding grants.—
17	In awarding grants under this subsection, the Sec-
18	retary shall—
19	"(A) take into consideration the extent to
20	which applicant regional partnerships—
21	"(i) demonstrate that methamphet-
22	amine or other substance abuse by parents
23	or caretakers has had a substantial impact
24	on the number of out-of-home placements for
25	children or the number of children who are

1	at risk of being placed in an out-of-home
2	placement, in the partnership region;
3	"(ii) have limited resources for ad-
4	dressing the needs of children affected by
5	such abuse;
6	"(iii) have a lack of capacity for, or
7	access to, comprehensive family treatment
8	services; and
9	"(iv) demonstrate a plan for sus-
10	taining the services provided by or activities
11	funded under the grant after the conclusion
12	of the grant period; and
13	"(B) after taking such factors into consider-
14	ation, give greater weight to awarding grants to
15	regional partnerships that propose to address
16	methamphetamine abuse and addiction in the
17	partnership region (alone or in combination
18	with other drug abuse and addiction) and which
19	demonstrate that methamphetamine abuse and
20	addiction (alone or in combination with other
21	drug abuse and addiction) is adversely affecting
22	child welfare in the partnership region.
23	"(8) Performance indicators.—
24	"(A) In General.—Not later than 9
25	months after the date of enactment of this sub-

1	section, the Secretary shall establish indicators
2	that will be used to assess periodically the per-
3	formance of the grant recipients under this sub-
4	section in using funds made available under
5	such grants to achieve the purpose of this sub-
6	section.
7	"(B) Consultation required.—In estab-
8	lishing the performance indicators required by
9	subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall consult
10	with the following:
11	"(i) The Assistant Secretary for the
12	Administration for Children and Families.
13	"(ii) The Administrator of the Sub-
14	stance Abuse and Mental Health Services
15	Administration.
16	"(iii) Representatives of States in
17	which a State agency described in clause (i)
18	or (ii) of paragraph (2)(A) is a member of
19	a regional partnership that is a grant re-
20	cipient under this subsection.
21	"(iv) Representatives of Indian tribes,
22	tribal consortia, or tribal child welfare
23	agencies that are members of a regional
24	partnership that is a grant recipient under
25	this subsection.

1	"(9) Reports.—
2	"(A) Grantee reports.—
3	"(i) Annual report.—Not later than
4	September 30 of the first fiscal year in
5	which a recipient of a grant under this sub-
6	section is paid funds under the grant, and
7	annually thereafter until September 30 o
8	the last fiscal year in which the recipient is
9	paid funds under the grant, the recipient
10	shall submit to the Secretary a report or
11	the services provided or activities carried
12	out during that fiscal year with such funds
13	The report shall contain such information
14	as the Secretary determines is necessary to
15	provide an accurate description of the serv-
16	ices provided or activities conducted with
17	$such\ funds.$
18	"(ii) Incorporation of information

"(ii) Incorporation of information Related to performance indicators.— Each recipient of a grant under this subsection shall incorporate into the first annual report required by clause (i) that is submitted after the establishment of performance indicators under paragraph (8),

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1	information required in relation to such in-
2	dicators.
3	"(B) Reports to congress.—On the basis
4	of the reports submitted under subparagraph (A),
5	the Secretary annually shall submit to the Com-
6	mittee on Ways and Means of the House of Rep-
7	resentatives and the Committee on Finance of the
8	Senate a report on—
9	"(i) the services provided and activities
10	conducted with funds provided under grants
11	awarded under this subsection;
12	"(ii) the performance indicators estab-
13	lished under paragraph (8); and
14	"(iii) the progress that has been made
15	in addressing the needs of families with
16	methamphetamine or other substance abuse
17	problems who come to the attention of the
18	child welfare system and in achieving the
19	goals of child safety, permanence, and fam-
20	ily stability.".
21	(B) Conforming amendments.—Section
22	437 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629g) is amended—
23	(i) in the section heading, by inserting
24	"AND TARGETED" after "DISCRE-
25	TIONARY"; and

1	(ii) in subsection (e), by striking "this
2	section" and inserting "subsection (a)".
3	(c) Evaluation, Research, and Technical Assist-
4	ANCE WITH RESPECT TO TARGETED PROGRAM RE-
5	SOURCES.—Section 435(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629e(c))
6	is amended to read as follows:
7	"(c) Evaluation, Research, and Technical As-
8	SISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO TARGETED PROGRAM RE-
9	SOURCES.—Of the amount reserved under section 436(b)(1)
10	for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall use not less than—
11	"(1) \$1,000,000 for evaluations, research, and
12	providing technical assistance with respect to sup-
13	porting monthly caseworker visits with children who
14	are in foster care under the responsibility of the State,
15	in accordance with section $436(b)(4)(B)(i)$ ; and
16	"(2) \$1,000,000 for evaluations, research, and
17	providing technical assistance with respect to grants
18	under section 437(f).".
19	SEC. 5. ALLOTMENTS AND GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES.
20	(a) Increase in Set-Asides for Indian Tribes.—
21	(1) Mandatory grants.—Section 436(b)(3) of
22	the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629f(b)(3)) is
23	amended by striking "1" and inserting "3".

1	(2) Discretionary grants.—Section 437(b)(3)
2	of such $Act$ (42 U.S.C. $629g(b)(3)$ ) is amended by
3	striking "2" and inserting "3".
4	(3) Effect of reservation of funds for
5	TARGETED PROGRAM RESOURCES ON AMOUNTS RE-
6	SERVED FOR INDIAN TRIBES.—Section 436(b)(3) of
7	such Act (42 U.S.C. 629b(b)(3)) is amended by strik-
8	ing "The" and inserting "After applying paragraphs
9	(4) and (5) (but before applying paragraphs (1) or
10	(2)), the".
11	(b) Authority for Tribal Consortia To Receive
12	Allotments.—
13	(1) Allotment of mandatory funds.—
14	(A) In General.—Section 433(a) of such
15	Act (42 U.S.C. 629c(a)) is amended—
16	(i) in the subsection heading, by insert-
17	ing "OR TRIBAL CONSORTIA" after
18	"TRIBES"; and
19	(ii) by adding at the end the following
20	new sentence: "If a consortium of Indian
21	tribes submits a plan approved under this
22	subpart, the Secretary shall allot to the con-
23	sortium an amount equal to the sum of the
24	allotments determined for each Indian tribe
25	that is part of the consortium.".

1	(B) Conforming Amendment.—Section
2	436(b)(3) of such Act (42 U.S.C. $629f(b)(3)$ ) is
3	amended—
4	(i) in the paragraph heading, by in-
5	serting "OR TRIBAL CONSORTIA" after
6	"TRIBES"; and
7	(ii) by inserting "or tribal consortia"
8	after "Indian tribes".
9	(2) Allotment of any discretionary
10	FUNDS.—Section 437 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629g) is
11	amended—
12	(A) in subsection $(b)(3)$ —
13	(i) in the paragraph heading, by in-
14	serting "OR TRIBAL CONSORTIA" after
15	"TRIBES"; and
16	(ii) by inserting "or tribal consortia"
17	after "Indian tribes"; and
18	(B) in subsection $(c)(1)$ —
19	(i) in the paragraph heading, by in-
20	serting "OR TRIBAL CONSORTIA" after
21	"TRIBES"; and
22	(ii) by adding at the end the following
23	new sentence: "If a consortium of Indian
24	tribes applies and is approved for a grant
25	under this section, the Secretary shall allot

1	to the consortium an amount equal to the
2	sum of the allotments determined for each
3	Indian tribe that is part of the consor-
4	tium.".
5	(3) Additional conforming amendments.—
6	(A) Plans of indian tribes.—Section
7	432(b)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629b(b)(2)) is
8	amended—
9	(i) in the paragraph heading, by in-
10	serting "OR TRIBAL CONSORTIA" after
11	"TRIBES";
12	(ii) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
13	"or tribal consortium" after "Indian tribe"
14	each place it appears; and
15	(iii) in subparagraph (B)—
16	(I) by inserting "or tribal consor-
17	tium" after "Indian tribe"; and
18	(II) by inserting "and tribal con-
19	sortia" after "Indian tribes".
20	(B) DIRECT PAYMENTS TO TRIBAL ORGANI-
21	ZATIONS.—Section 434(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
22	629d(c)) is amended—
23	(i) in the subsection heading, by insert-
24	ing "OR Tribal Consortia" after
25	"TRIBES"; and

1	(ii) by inserting "or tribal consor-
2	tium" after "Indian tribe" the first place it
3	appears; and
4	(iii) by inserting "or in the case of a
5	payment to a tribal consortium, such tribal
6	organizations of, or entity established by,
7	the Indian tribes that are part of the con-
8	sortium as the consortium shall designate"
9	before the period.
10	(C) Evaluations; research; technical
11	ASSISTANCE.—Section 435(d) of such Act (42
12	U.S.C. 629e(d)) is amended in the matter pre-
13	ceding paragraph (1), by inserting "or tribal
14	consortia" after "Indian tribes".
15	(c) Collection of Data on Tribal Promoting
16	SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES PLANS.—Section
17	432(b)(2)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. $629b(b)(2)(A)$ ), as
18	amended by subsection $(b)(3)(A)(ii)$ of this section, is
19	amended by striking "any requirement of this section that
20	the Secretary determines" and inserting "the requirements
21	of subsection (a)(4) of this section to the extent that the Sec-
22	retary determines those requirements".

1	SEC. 6. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
2	PROGRAM.
3	(a) Funding.—Subpart 1 of part B of title IV of the
4	Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 620–628b) is amended by
5	striking sections 420 and 425 and inserting after section
6	424 the following:
7	"LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
8	"SEC. 425. To carry out this subpart, there are author-
9	ized to be appropriated to the Secretary not more than
0	\$325,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011.".
11	(b) Purpose of Program.—Such subpart is further
12	amended—
13	(1) by striking section 424;
14	(2) by redesignating sections 421 and 423 as sec-
15	tions 423 and 424, respectively, and by transferring
16	section 423 (as so redesignated) so that it appears
17	after section 422; and
18	(3) by inserting after the subpart heading the
19	following:
20	``PURPOSE
21	"Sec. 421. The purpose of this subpart is to promote
22	State flexibility in the development and expansion of a co-
23	ordinated child and family services program that utilizes
24	community-based agencies and ensures all children are
25	raised in safe, loving families, by—

1	"(1) protecting and promoting the welfare of all
2	children;
3	"(2) preventing the neglect, abuse, or exploi-
4	tation of children;
5	"(3) supporting at-risk families through services
6	which allow children, where appropriate, to remain
7	safely with their families or return to their families
8	in a timely manner;
9	"(4) promoting the safety, permanence, and well-
10	being of children in foster care and adoptive families;
11	and
12	"(5) providing training, professional develop-
13	ment and support to ensure a well-qualified child wel-
14	fare workforce.".
15	(c) Modification of State Plan Requirements.—
16	Section 422 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 622) is amended—
17	(1) in subsection (b)—
18	(A) by striking paragraphs (3) through (5)
19	and inserting the following:
20	"(3) include a description of the services and ac-
21	tivities which the State will fund under the State pro-
22	gram carried out pursuant to this subpart, and how
23	the services and activities will achieve the purpose of
24	this subpart;";

1	(B) by striking paragraph (6) and inserting
2	after paragraph (3) (as added by subparagraph
3	(A) of this paragraph) the following:
4	"(4) contain a description of—
5	"(A) the steps the State will take to provide
6	child welfare services statewide and to expand
7	and strengthen the range of existing services and
8	develop and implement services to improve child
9	outcomes; and
10	"(B) the child welfare services staff develop-
11	ment and training plans of the State;";
12	(C) by redesignating paragraphs (7)
13	through (9) as paragraphs (5) through (7), re-
14	spectively;
15	(D) in paragraph (10)—
16	(i) by striking subparagraph (A);
17	(ii) in subparagraph (B)(iii)(II), by
18	inserting ", which may include a residen-
19	tial educational program" after "in some
20	other planned, permanent living arrange-
21	ment";
22	(iii) by redesignating subparagraph
23	(B) as subparagraph (A); and

1	(iv) by striking subparagraph (C) and
2	inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-
3	lowing:
4	"(B) has in effect policies and administra-
5	tive and judicial procedures for children aban-
6	doned at or shortly after birth (including policies
7	and procedures providing for legal representation
8	of the children) which enable permanent deci-
9	sions to be made expeditiously with respect to the
10	placement of the children;";
11	(E) in paragraph (14), by striking "and"
12	at the end;
13	(F) in paragraph (15), by striking the pe-
14	riod and inserting a semicolon;
15	(G) by redesignating paragraphs (10)
16	through (15) as paragraphs (8) through (13), re-
17	spectively; and
18	(H) by adding at the end the following:
19	"(14) not later than October 1, 2007, include as-
20	surances that not more than 10 percent of the expend-
21	itures of the State with respect to activities funded
22	from amounts provided under this subpart will be for
23	$administrative\ costs;$

1	"(15) describe how the State actively consults
2	with and involves physicians or other appropriate
3	medical professionals in—
4	"(A) assessing the health and well-being of
5	children in foster care under the responsibility of
6	the State; and
7	"(B) determining appropriate medical
8	treatment for the children; and
9	"(16) provide that, not later than 1 year after
10	the date of the enactment of this paragraph, the State
11	shall have in place procedures providing for how the
12	State programs assisted under this subpart, subpart
13	2 of this part, or part E would respond to a disaster,
14	in accordance with criteria established by the Sec-
15	retary which should include how a State would—
16	"(A) identify, locate, and continue avail-
17	ability of services for children under State care
18	or supervision who are displaced or adversely af-
19	fected by a disaster;
20	"(B) respond, as appropriate, to new child
21	welfare cases in areas adversely affected by a dis-
22	aster, and provide services in those cases;
23	"(C) remain in communication with case-
24	workers and other essential child welfare per-
25	sonnel who are displaced because of a disaster;

1	"(D) preserve essential program records;
2	and
3	"(E) coordinate services and share informa-
4	tion with other States."; and
5	(2) by adding at the end the following:
6	"(c) Definitions.—In this subpart:
7	"(1) Administrative costs.—The term 'admin-
8	istrative costs' means costs for the following, but only
9	to the extent incurred in administering the State plan
10	developed pursuant to this subpart: procurement, pay-
11	roll management, personnel functions (other than the
12	portion of the salaries of supervisors attributable to
13	time spent directly supervising the provision of serv-
14	ices by caseworkers), management, maintenance and
15	operation of space and property, data processing and
16	computer services, accounting, budgeting, auditing,
17	and travel expenses (except those related to the provi-
18	sion of services by caseworkers or the oversight of pro-
19	grams funded under this subpart).
20	"(2) Other terms.—For definitions of other
21	terms used in this part, see section 475.".
22	(d) Provisions Relating to State Allotments.—
23	Section 423 of such Act, as so redesignated by subsection
24	(b)(2) of this section, is amended—
25	(1) in subsection (a)—

1	(A) by inserting "In General.—" after
2	"(a)"; and
3	(B) by striking "420" and inserting "425";
4	and
5	(2) in subsection (b), by inserting "Determina-
6	tion of State Allotment Percentages.—" after
7	"(b)";
8	(3) in subsection (c), by inserting "Promulga-
9	tion of State Allotment Percentages.—" after
10	"(c)";
11	(4) in subsection (d)—
12	(A) by inserting "United States De-
13	FINED.—" after "(d)"; and
14	(B) by striking "fifty" and inserting "50";
15	and
16	(5) by adding at the end the following:
17	"(e) Reallotment of Funds.—
18	"(1) In general.—The amount of any allot-
19	ment to a State for a fiscal year under the preceding
20	provisions of this section which the State certifies to
21	the Secretary will not be required for carrying out the
22	State plan developed as provided in section 422 shall
23	be available for reallotment from time to time, on
24	such dates as the Secretary may fix, to other States
25	which the Secretary determines—

1	"(A) need sums in excess of the amounts al-
2	lotted to such other States under the preceding
3	provisions of this section, in carrying out their
4	State plans so developed; and
5	"(B) will be able to so use such excess sums
6	during the fiscal year.
7	"(2) Considerations.—The Secretary shall
8	make the reallotments on the basis of the State plans
9	so developed, after taking into consideration—
10	"(A) the population under 21 years of age;
11	"(B) the per capita income of each of such
12	other States as compared with the population
13	under 21 years of age; and
14	"(C) the per capita income of all such other
15	States with respect to which such a determina-
16	tion by the Secretary has been made.
17	"(3) Amounts reallotted to a state
18	DEEMED PART OF STATE ALLOTMENT.—Any amount
19	so reallotted to a State is deemed part of the allot-
20	ment of the State under this section.".
21	(e) Payments to States; Limitations on Use of
22	FUNDS.—
23	(1) Limitations related to state expendi-
24	TURES FOR CHILD CARE, FOSTER CARE MAINTENANCE
25	PAYMENTS, AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.—

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1	Section 424 of such Act, as so redesignated by sub-
2	section (b)(2) of this section, is amended by striking
3	subsections (c) and (d) and inserting the following:
4	"(c) Limitation on Use of Federal Funds for
5	CHILD CARE, FOSTER CARE MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS, OR
6	Adoption Assistance Payments.—The total amount of
7	Federal payments under this subpart for a fiscal year be-
8	ginning after September 30, 2007, that may be used by a
9	State for expenditures for child care, foster care mainte-

- 10 nance payments, or adoption assistance payments shall not
- 11 exceed the total amount of such payments for fiscal year
- 12 2005 that were so used by the State.
- 13 "(d) Limitation on Use by States of Non-Fed-
- 14 Eral Funds for Foster Care Maintenance Payments
- 15 To Match Federal Funds.—For any fiscal year begin-
- 16 ning after September 30, 2007, State expenditures of non-
- 17 Federal funds for foster care maintenance payments shall
- 18 not be considered to be expenditures under the State plan
- 19 developed under this subpart for the fiscal year to the extent
- 20 that the total of such expenditures for the fiscal year exceeds
- 21 the total of such expenditures under the State plan devel-
- 22 oped under this subpart for fiscal year 2005.".
- 23 (2) Limitation on administrative cost reim-
- 24 BURSEMENT.—

1	(A) In General.—Section 424 of such Act
2	(42 U.S.C. 623), as so redesignated by subsection
3	(b)(2) of this section, is amended by adding at
4	the end the following:
5	"(e) Limitation on Reimbursement for Adminis-
6	TRATIVE COSTS.—A payment may not be made to a State
7	under this section with respect to expenditures during a fis-
8	cal year for administrative costs, to the extent that the total
9	amount of the expenditures exceeds 10 percent of the total
10	expenditures of the State during the fiscal year for activities
11	funded from amounts provided under this subpart.".
12	(B) Effective date.—The amendment
13	made by subparagraph (A) shall apply to ex-
14	penditures made on or after October 1, 2007.
15	(f) Conforming Amendments.—
16	(1) Section 428(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 628(b))
17	is amended by striking "421" and inserting "423".
18	(2) Section 429 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 628a) is
19	amended—
20	(A)(i) by striking the following:
21	"CHILD WELFARE TRAINEESHIPS
22	"SEC. 429. The Secretary"; and
23	(ii) inserting the following:
24	"(c) Child Welfare Traineeships.—The Sec-
25	retary"; and

1	(B) by transferring the provision to the end
2	of section 426 (as amended by section 11(b) of
3	this $Act$ ).
4	(3) Section 429A of such Act (42 U.S.C. 628b)
5	is redesignated as section 429.
6	(4) Section 433(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
7	629c(b)) is amended by striking "421" and inserting
8	"423".
9	(5) Section 437(c)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
10	629g(c)(2)) is amended by striking "421" and insert-
11	ing "423".
12	(6) Section 472(d) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
13	672(d)) is amended by striking "422(b)(10)" and in-
14	serting "422(b)(8)".
15	(7) Section 473A(f) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
16	673b(f)) is amended by striking "423" and inserting
17	"424".
18	(8) Section 1130(b)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
19	1320a-9(b)(1)) is amended to read as follows:.
20	"(1) any provision of section 422(b)(8), or sec-
21	tion 479; or".
22	(9) Section 104(b)(3) of the Intercountry Adop-
23	tion Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14914(b)(3)) is amended
24	by striking "422(b)(14) of the Social Security Act, as

1	amended by section 205 of this Act" and inserting
2	"422(b)(12) of the Social Security Act".
3	SEC. 7. MONTHLY CASEWORKER STANDARD.
4	(a) State Plan Requirement.—Section 422(b) of
5	the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 622(b)), as amended by
6	section 6(c) of this Act, is amended—
7	(1) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph
8	(15);
9	(2) by striking the period at the end of para-
10	graph (16) and inserting "; and"; and
11	(3) by adding at the end the following:
12	"(17) not later than October 1, 2007, describe the
13	State standards for the content and frequency of case-
14	worker visits for children who are in foster care under
15	the responsibility of the State, which, at a minimum,
16	ensure that the children are visited on a monthly
17	basis and that the caseworker visits are well-planned
18	and focused on issues pertinent to case planning and
19	service delivery to ensure the safety, permanency, and
20	well-being of the children.".
21	(b) Enforcement.—Section 424 of the Social Secu-
22	rity Act, as so redesignated by section 6(b)(2) of this Act,
23	is amended by adding at the end the following:
24	"(e)(1) The Secretary may not make a payment to a
25	State under this subpart for a period in fiscal year 2008,

- 1 unless the State has provided to the Secretary data which
- 2 shows, for fiscal year 2007—
- 3 "(A) the percentage of children in foster care
- 4 under the responsibility of the State who were visited
- 5 on a monthly basis by the caseworker handling the
- 6 case of the child; and
- 7 "(B) the percentage of the visits that occurred in
- 8 the residence of the child.
- 9 "(2)(A) Based on the data provided by a State pursu-
- 10 ant to paragraph (1), the Secretary, in consultation with
- 11 the State, shall establish, not later than June 30, 2008, an
- 12 outline of the steps to be taken to ensure, by October 1, 2011,
- 13 that at least 90 percent of the children in foster care under
- 14 the responsibility of the State are visited by their case-
- 15 workers on a monthly basis, and that the majority of the
- 16 visits occur in the residence of the child. The outline shall
- 17 include target percentages to be reached each fiscal year,
- 18 and should include a description of how the steps will be
- 19 implemented. The steps may include activities designed to
- 20 improve caseworker retention, recruitment, training, and
- 21 ability to access the benefits of technology.
- 22 "(B) Beginning October 1, 2008, if the Secretary deter-
- 23 mines that a State has not made the requisite progress in
- 24 meeting the goal described in subparagraph (A) of this
- 25 paragraph, then the percentage that shall apply for pur-

- 1 poses of subsection (a) of this section for the period involved
- 2 shall be the percentage set forth in such subsection (a) re-
- 3 duced by—
- 4 "(i) 1, if the number of full percentage points by
- 5 which the State fell short of the target percentage es-
- 6 tablished for the State for the period pursuant to such
- 7 subparagraph is less than 10;
- 8 "(ii) 3, if the number of full percentage points
- 9 by which the State fell short, as described in clause
- 10 (i), is not less than 10 and less than 20; or
- 11 "(iii) 5, if the number of full percentage points
- by which the State fell short, as described in clause
- 13 (i), is not less than 20.".
- 14 *(c) REPORTS.*—
- 15 (1) Progress report.—Not later than March
- 16 31, 2010, the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
- ices shall submit to the Committee on Ways and
- Means of the House of Representatives and the Com-
- 19 mittee on Finance of the Senate a report that outlines
- the progress made by the States in meeting the stand-
- 21 ards referred to in section 422(b)(17) of the Social Se-
- 22 curity Act, and offers recommendations developed in
- 23 consultation with State officials responsible for ad-
- 24 ministering child welfare programs and members of
- 25 the State legislature to assist States in their efforts to

1	ensure that foster children are visited on a monthly
2	basis.
3	(2) Inclusion of information on case-
4	WORKER VISITS IN ANNUAL CHILD WELL-BEING OUT-
5	COME REPORTS.—Section 479A of such Act (42
6	U.S.C. 679b) is amended—
7	(A) by striking "and" at the end of para-
8	graph(4);
9	(B) by striking the period at the end of
10	paragraph (5) and inserting "; and"; and
11	(C) by adding at the end the following:
12	"(6) include in the report submitted pursuant to
13	paragraph (5) for fiscal year 2007 or any succeeding
14	fiscal year, State-by-State data on—
15	"(A) the percentage of children in foster
16	care under the responsibility of the State who
17	were visited on a monthly basis by the case-
18	worker handling the case of the child; and
19	"(B) the percentage of the visits that oc-
20	curred in the residence of the child.".
21	SEC. 8. REAUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAM FOR MENTORING
22	CHILDREN OF PRISONERS.
23	(a) In General.—Section 439 of the Social Security
24	Act (42 U.S.C. 629i) is amended—

1	(1) in subsection (c), by striking "2002 through
2	2006" and inserting "2007 through 2011"; and
3	(2) in subsection (h)—
4	(A) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting
5	$the\ following:$
6	"(1) Limitations on authorization of Ap-
7	PROPRIATIONS.—To carry out this section, there are
8	authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such
9	sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2007
10	through 2011."; and
11	(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "2.5" and
12	inserting "4".
13	(b) Service Delivery Demonstration Project.—
14	(1) In General.—Section 439 of such Act (42
15	U.S.C. 629i), as amended by subsection (a) of this
16	section, is amended—
17	(A) by redesignating subsections (g) and (h)
18	as subsections (h) and (i), respectively; and
19	(B) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
20	lowing:
21	"(g) Service Delivery Demonstration
22	Project.—
23	"(1) Purpose; Authority to enter into co-
24	OPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—The Secretary shall enter
25	into a cooperative agreement with an eligible entity

1	that meets the requirements of paragraph (2) for the
2	purpose of requiring the entity to conduct a dem-
3	onstration project consistent with this subsection
4	under which the entity shall—
5	"(A) identify children of prisoners in need
6	of mentoring services who have not been matched
7	with a mentor by an applicant awarded a grant
8	under this section, with a priority for identi-
9	fying children who—
10	"(i) reside in an area not served by a
11	recipient of a grant under this section;
12	"(ii) reside in an area that has a sub-
13	stantial number of children of prisoners;
14	"(iii) reside in a rural area; or
15	"(iv) are Indians;
16	"(B) provide the families of the children so
17	identified with—
18	"(i) a voucher for mentoring services
19	that meets the requirements of paragraph
20	(5); and
21	"(ii) a list of the providers of men-
22	toring services in the area in which the
23	family resides that satisfy the requirements
24	of paragraph (6); and

1	"(C) monitor and oversee the delivery of
2	mentoring services by providers that accept the
3	vouchers.
4	"(2) Eligible entity.—
5	"(A) In general.—Subject to subpara-
6	graph (B), an eligible entity under this sub-
7	section is an organization that the Secretary de-
8	termines, on a competitive basis—
9	"(i) has substantial experience—
10	"(I) in working with organiza-
11	tions that provide mentoring services
12	for children of prisoners; and
13	"(II) in developing quality stand-
14	ards for the identification and assess-
15	ment of mentoring programs for chil-
16	dren of prisoners; and
17	"(ii) submits an application that satis-
18	fies the requirements of paragraph (3).
19	"(B) Limitation.—An organization that
20	provides mentoring services may not be an eligi-
21	ble entity for purposes of being awarded a coop-
22	erative agreement under this subsection.
23	"(3) Application requirements.—To be eligi-
24	ble to be awarded a cooperative agreement under this

1	subsection, an entity shall submit to the Secretary an
2	application that includes the following:
3	"(A) QUALIFICATIONS.—Evidence that the
4	entity—
5	"(i) meets the experience requirements
6	of paragraph $(2)(A)(i)$ ; and
7	"(ii) is able to carry out—
8	"(I) the purposes of this sub-
9	section identified in paragraph (1);
10	and
11	"(II) the requirements of the coop-
12	erative agreement specified in para-
13	graph(4).
14	"(B) Service delivery plan.—
15	"(i) Distribution requirements.—
16	Subject to clause (iii), a description of the
17	plan of the entity to ensure the distribution
18	of not less than—
19	"(I) 3,000 vouchers for mentoring
20	services in the first year in which the
21	cooperative agreement is in effect with
22	that entity;
23	"(II) 8,000 vouchers for men-
24	toring services in the second year in

1	which the agreement is in effect with
2	that entity; and
3	"(III) 13,000 vouchers for men-
4	toring services in any subsequent year
5	in which the agreement is in effect
6	with that entity.
7	"(ii) Satisfaction of priorities.—
8	A description of how the plan will ensure
9	the delivery of mentoring services to chil-
10	dren identified in accordance with the re-
11	quirements of paragraph $(1)(A)$ .
12	"(iii) Secretarial authority to
13	MODIFY DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT.—The
14	Secretary may modify the number of vouch-
15	ers specified in subclauses (I) through (III)
16	of clause (i) to take into account the avail-
17	ability of appropriations and the need to
18	ensure that the vouchers distributed by the
19	entity are for amounts that are adequate to
20	ensure the provision of mentoring services
21	for a 12-month period.
22	"(C) Collaboration and cooperation.—
23	A description of how the entity will ensure col-
24	laboration and cooperation with other interested
25	parties, including courts and prisons, with re-

1	spect to the delivery of mentoring services under
2	the demonstration project.
3	"(D) Other.—Any other information that
4	the Secretary may find necessary to demonstrate
5	the capacity of the entity to satisfy the require-
6	ments of this subsection.
7	"(4) Cooperative agreement require-
8	MENTS.—A cooperative agreement awarded under this
9	subsection shall require the eligible entity to do the
10	following:
11	"(A) Identify quality standards for
12	PROVIDERS.—To work with the Secretary to
13	identify the quality standards that a provider of
14	mentoring services must meet in order to partici-
15	pate in the demonstration project and which, at
16	a minimum, shall include criminal records
17	checks for individuals who are prospective men-
18	tors and shall prohibit approving any individual
19	to be a mentor if the criminal records check of
20	the individual reveals a conviction which would
21	prevent the individual from being approved as a
22	foster or adoptive parent under section
23	471(a)(20)(A).
24	"(B) Identify eligible providers.—To

identify and compile a list of those providers of

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- mentoring services in any of the 50 States or the District of Columbia that meet the quality standards identified pursuant to subparagraph (A).
  - "(C) IDENTIFY ELIGIBLE CHILDREN.—To identify children of prisoners who require mentoring services, consistent with the priorities specified in paragraph (1)(A).
  - "(D) Monitor and oversee delivery of mentoring services.—To satisfy specific requirements of the Secretary for monitoring and overseeing the delivery of mentoring services under the demonstration project, which shall include a requirement to ensure that providers of mentoring services under the project report data on the children served and the types of mentoring services provided.
  - "(E) RECORDS, REPORTS, AND AUDITS.—To maintain any records, make any reports, and cooperate with any reviews and audits that the Secretary determines are necessary to oversee the activities of the entity in carrying out the demonstration project under this subsection.
  - "(F) EVALUATIONS.—To cooperate fully with any evaluations of the demonstration project, including collecting and monitoring data

1	and providing the Secretary or the Secretary's
2	designee with access to records and staff related
3	to the conduct of the project.
4	"(G) Limitation on administrative ex-
5	PENDITURES.—To ensure that administrative ex-
6	penditures incurred by the entity in conducting
7	the demonstration project with respect to a fiscal
8	year do not exceed the amount equal to 10 per-
9	cent of the amount awarded to carry out the
10	project for that year.
11	"(5) Voucher requirements.—A voucher for
12	mentoring services provided to the family of a child
13	identified in accordance with paragraph (1)(A) shall
14	meet the following requirements:
15	"(A) Total payment amount; 12-month
16	SERVICE PERIOD.—The voucher shall specify the
17	total amount to be paid a provider of mentoring
18	services for providing the child on whose behalf
19	the voucher is issued with mentoring services for
20	a 12-month period.
21	"(B) Periodic payments as services
22	PROVIDED.—
23	"(i) In general.—The voucher shall
24	specify that it may be redeemed with the el-
25	igible entity by the provider accepting the

1	voucher in return for agreeing to provide
2	mentoring services for the child on whose be-
3	half the voucher is issued.
4	"(ii) Demonstration of the provi-
5	SION OF SERVICES.—A provider that re-
6	deems a voucher issued by the eligible entity
7	shall receive periodic payments from the eli-
8	gible entity during the 12-month period
9	that the voucher is in effect upon dem-
10	onstration of the provision of significant
11	services and activities related to the provi-
12	sion of mentoring services to the child on
13	whose behalf the voucher is issued.
14	"(6) Provider requirements.—In order to
15	participate in the demonstration project, a provider
16	of mentoring services shall—
17	"(A) meet the quality standards identified
18	by the eligible entity in accordance with para-
19	graph(1);
20	"(B) agree to accept a voucher meeting the
21	requirements of paragraph (5) as payment for
22	the provision of mentoring services to a child on
23	whose behalf the voucher is issued;
24	"(C) demonstrate that the provider has the
25	capacity, and has or will have nonfederal re-

sources, to continue supporting the provision of mentoring services to the child on whose behalf the voucher is issued, as appropriate, after the conclusion of the 12-month period during which the voucher is in effect; and

"(D) if the provider is a recipient of a grant under this section, demonstrate that the provider has exhausted its capacity for providing mentoring services under the grant.

## "(7) 3-YEAR PERIOD; OPTION FOR RENEWAL.—

- "(A) IN GENERAL.—A cooperative agreement awarded under this subsection shall be effective for a 3-year period.
- "(B) Renewal.—The cooperative agreement may be renewed for an additional period, not to exceed 2 years and subject to any conditions that the Secretary may specify that are not inconsistent with the requirements of this subsection or subsection (i)(2)(B), if the Secretary determines that the entity has satisfied the requirements of the agreement and evaluations of the service delivery demonstration project demonstrate that the voucher service delivery method is effective in providing mentoring services to children of prisoners.

1	"(8) Independent evaluation and report.—
2	"(A) In General.—The Secretary shall
3	enter into a contract with an independent, pri-
4	vate organization to evaluate and prepare a re-
5	port on the first 2 fiscal years in which the dem-
6	onstration project is conducted under this sub-
7	section.
8	"(B) Deadline for report.—Not later
9	than 90 days after the end of the second fiscal
10	year in which the demonstration project is con-
11	ducted under this subsection, the Secretary shall
12	submit the report required under subparagraph
13	(A) to the Committee on Ways and Means of the
14	House of Representatives and the Committee on
15	Finance of the Senate. The report shall
16	include—
17	"(i) the number of children as of the
18	end of such second fiscal year who received
19	vouchers for mentoring services; and
20	"(ii) any conclusions regarding the use
21	of vouchers for the delivery of mentoring
22	services for children of prisoners.
23	"(9) No effect on eligibility for other
24	FEDERAL ASSISTANCE.—A voucher provided to a fam-
25	ily under the demonstration project conducted under

1	this subsection shall be disregarded for purposes of de-
2	termining the eligibility for, or the amount of, any
3	other Federal or federally-supported assistance for the
4	family.".
5	(2) Conforming amendments.—Section 439 of
6	such Act (42 U.S.C. 629i), as amended by subsection
7	(a) of this section and paragraph (1) of this sub-
8	section, is amended—
9	(A) in subsection (a)—
10	(i) in the subsection heading, by strik-
11	ing "Purpose" and inserting "Purposes";
12	and
13	(ii) in paragraph (2)—
14	(I) in the paragraph heading, by
15	striking "Purpose" and inserting
16	"Purposes";
17	(II) by striking "The purpose of
18	this section is to authorize the Sec-
19	retary to make competitive" and in-
20	serting "The purposes of this section
21	are to authorize the Secretary—
22	"(A) to make competitive";
23	(iii) by striking the period at the end
24	and inserting "; and"; and
25	(iv) by adding at the end the following:

1	"(B) to enter into on a competitive basis a
2	cooperative agreement to conduct a service deliv-
3	ery demonstration project in accordance with the
4	requirements of subsection (g).";
5	(B) in subsection (c)—
6	(i) by striking "(h)" and inserting
7	"(i)"; and
8	(ii) by striking "(h)(2)" and inserting
9	"(i)(2)";
10	(C) by amending subsection (h) (as so redes-
11	$ignated\ by\ paragraph\ (1)(A)\ of\ this\ subsection)$
12	to read as follows:
13	"(h) Independent Evaluation; Reports.—
14	"(1) Independent evaluation.—The Secretary
15	shall conduct by grant, contract, or cooperative agree-
16	ment an independent evaluation of the programs au-
17	thorized under this section, including the service de-
18	livery demonstration project authorized under sub-
19	section (g).
20	"(2) Reports.—Not later than 12 months after
21	the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary
22	shall submit a report to the Congress that includes the
23	following:
24	"(A) The characteristics of the mentoring
25	programs funded under this section.

1	"(B) The plan for implementation of the
2	service delivery demonstration project authorized
3	$under\ subsection\ (g).$
4	"(C) A description of the outcome-based
5	evaluation of the programs authorized under this
6	section that the Secretary is conducting as of
7	that date of enactment and how the evaluation
8	has been expanded to include an evaluation of
9	the demonstration project authorized under sub-
10	section (g).
11	"(D) The date on which the Secretary shall
12	submit a final report on the evaluation to the
13	Congress."; and
14	(D) in subsection (i) (as so redesignated)—
15	(i) in the subsection heading, by strik-
16	ing "Reservation" and inserting "Res-
17	ERVATIONS"; and
18	(ii) in paragraph (2)—
19	(I) by amending the paragraph
20	heading to read as follows: "RESERVA-
21	TIONS";
22	(II) by striking "The" and insert-
23	ing the following:
24	"(A) Research, technical assistance,
25	AND EVALUATION —The": and

1	(III) by adding at the end the fol-
2	lowing:
3	"(B) Service delivery demonstration
4	PROJECT.—
5	"(i) In general.—Subject to clause
6	(ii), for purposes of awarding a cooperative
7	agreement to conduct the service delivery
8	demonstration project authorized under sub-
9	section (g), the Secretary shall reserve not
10	more than—
11	"(I) \$5,000,000 of the amount ap-
12	propriated under paragraph (1) for the
13	first fiscal year in which funds are to
14	be awarded for the agreement;
15	"(II) \$10,000,000 of the amount
16	appropriated under paragraph (1) for
17	the second fiscal year in which funds
18	are to be awarded for the agreement;
19	and
20	"(III) \$15,000,000 of the amount
21	appropriated under paragraph (1) for
22	the third fiscal year in which funds are
23	to be awarded for the agreement.
24	"(ii) Assurance of funding for
25	GENERAL PROGRAM GRANTS.—With respect

1	to any fiscal year, no funds may be award-
2	ed for a cooperative agreement under sub-
3	section (g), unless at least \$25,000,000 of
4	the amount appropriated under paragraph
5	(1) for that fiscal year is used by the Sec-
6	retary for making grants under this section
7	for that fiscal year.".
8	SEC. 9. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE COURT IMPROVEMENT
9	PROGRAM.
10	Section 438 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
11	629h) is amended in each of subsections (c)(1)(A) and (d)
12	by striking "2006" and inserting "2011".
13	SEC. 10. REQUIREMENT FOR FOSTER CARE PROCEEDING
14	TO INCLUDE, IN AN AGE-APPROPRIATE MAN-
15	NER, CONSULTATION WITH THE CHILD THAT
16	IS THE SUBJECT OF THE PROCEEDING.
17	Section $475(5)(C)$ of the Social Security Act (42)
18	U.S.C. 675(5)(C)) is amended—
19	(1) by inserting "(i)" after "with respect to each
20	such child,";
21	(2) by striking "and procedural safeguards shall
22	also" and inserting "(ii) procedural safeguards
23	shall"; and
24	(3) by inserting "and (iii) procedural safeguards
25	shall be applied to assure that in any permanency

1	hearing held with respect to the child, including any
2	hearing regarding the transition of the child from fos-
3	ter care to independent living, the court or adminis-
4	trative body conducting the hearing consults, in an
5	age-appropriate manner, with the child regarding the
6	proposed permanency or transition plan for the
7	child;" after "parents;".
8	SEC. 11. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.
9	(a) Updating of Archaic Language.—
10	(1) Section 423 of the Social Security Act, as so
11	redesignated by section $6(b)(2)$ of this $Act$ —
12	(A) is amended by striking "per centum"
13	and inserting "percent"; and
14	(B) by striking "He" and inserting "The
15	Secretary".
16	(2) Section 424(a) of such Act, as so redesignated
17	by section 6(b)(2) of this Act, is amended by striking
18	"per centum" and inserting "percent".
19	(b) Elimination of Obsolete Provision.—Section
20	426 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 626) is amended by striking
21	subsection (b) and redesignating subsection (c) as subsection
22	(b).
23	(c) Technical Correction.—Section 431(a)(6) of
24	such Act (42 U.S.C. 629a(a)(6)) is amended by striking
25	"1986" and inserting "1996".

## SEC. 12. EFFECTIVE DATES.

- 2 (a) In General.—Except as otherwise provided in
- 3 this Act, the amendments made by this Act shall take effect
- 4 on October 1, 2006, and shall apply to payments under
- 5 parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act for
- 6 calendar quarters beginning on or after such date, without
- 7 regard to whether regulations to implement the amendments
- 8 are promulgated by such date.
- 9 (b) Delay Permitted if State Legislation Re-
- 10 QUIRED.—If the Secretary of Health and Human Services
- 11 determines that State legislation (other than legislation ap-
- 12 propriating funds) is required in order for a State plan
- 13 developed pursuant to subpart 1 of part B, or a State plan
- 14 approved under subpart 2 of part B or part E, of title IV
- 15 of the Social Security Act to meet the additional require-
- 16 ments imposed by the amendments made by this Act, the
- 17 plan shall not be regarded as failing to meet any of the
- 18 additional requirements before the 1st day of the 1st cal-
- 19 endar quarter beginning after the first regular session of
- 20 the State legislature that begins after the date of the enact-
- 21 ment of this Act. If the State has a 2-year legislative session,
- 22 each year of the session is deemed to be a separate regular
- 23 session of the State legislature.
- 24 (c) Availability of Promoting Safe and Stable
- 25 Families Resources for Fiscal Year 2006.—Section

1 3(c) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this 2 Act.

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment of the House to the title of the Act, insert the following: "An Act to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the promoting safe and stable families program, and for other purposes.".

Attest:

Secretary.

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## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS